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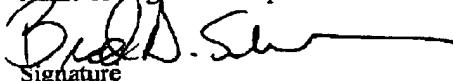
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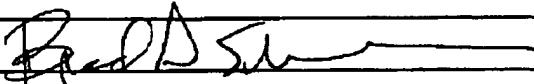
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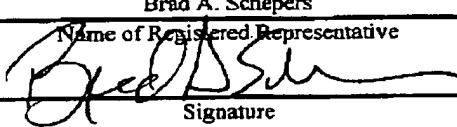
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In response to the telephonic interview conducted between Examiner Comstock and the undersigned representative on March 30, 2009, please enter the following Interview Summary. Additionally, please provide any extensions of time necessary and charge any additional fees which may be necessary to Deposit Account No. 12-2424, but not to include any payment of issue fees.

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The Applicant's representative thanks Examiner Comstock for the courtesy of initiating the telephonic interview conducted on March 30, 2009 to advance prosecution of the subject application. Participants in the telephonic interview included Examiner Comstock and the undersigned representative.

Claims 8, 33, 41 and 48 were discussed with regard to U.S. Patent No. 5,059,193 to Kuslich and possible amendments of these claims to improve their form and to place the application in condition for allowance. Specifically, proposed amendments to claims 8, 33, 41 and 48 were discussed with regard to recitation of slidable engagement between the expansion member and the first and second axial walls of the implant. Examiner Comstock indicated that the subject application would be placed in condition for allowance if the proposed amendments were incorporated into the claims. Agreement was reached between Examiner Comstock and the undersigned representative with regard to the proposed claim amendments, which ultimately led to issuance of the Notice of Allowance dated April 2, 2009 including entry of the proposed claim amendments via an Examiner's Amendment.

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